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to The President of Pakistan

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ATTN GENERAL MUHAMMAD ZIA-UL-HAQ, PRESIDENT F OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

WE HEARTILY SUPPORT YOU ON THE FIRM STAND YOU HAVE CONSISTENTLY  
TAKEN IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN AND URGE YOU TO CONTINUE  
THIS SUPPORT PARTICULARLY NOW AT THIS VITAL TIME FOR THE FUTURE  
OF THE MUSLIM PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.  
MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU AND CROWN YOUR EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS.

SALEM AZZAM  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
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ATTN H E PRESIDENT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND

2 MARCH 1988

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE MUJAHIDEEN IN AFGHANISTAN FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION AGAINST A REGIME IMPOSED ON THEM BY MILITARY FORCE AND SOVIET INVASION HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE AND BY ALL WHO VALUE FREEDOM.

WE URGE YOU TO REMEMBER THAT THE MUJAHIDEEN'S STRUGGLE STARTED AGAINST THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN KABUL, BEFORE THE SOVIET INVASION. ANY AGREEMENT SIGNED NOW WITH THE KABUL PUPPET REGIME WOULD RESULT IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME AND WOULD GIVE THE SOVIET UNION POLITICALLY WHAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE BY MILITARY INVASION. IT WOULD BE A BETRAYAL OF THE HEROIC

RESISTANCE OF THE MUJAHIDEEN AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, AND WOULD HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES ALSO FOR PAKISTAN, SINCE 3 MILLION REFUGEES WOULD NOT RETURN TO A STILL-COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AFGHANISTAN.

WE URGE YOU NOT TO PRESSURE PAKISTAN INTO SIGNING AGREEMENT, AND WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE MUJAHIDEEN AND FOR AN OUTCOME TO THIS SITUATION WHICH DOES NOT EXCLUDE THEM, OR WAKE IN VAIN THE ENORMOUS SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS. THEY ARE THE ONLY LEGITIMATE PARTY WITH SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN WITH WHOM NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, AND THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

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From The Minister of State

22 March 1988

*Mr. M. Azzam,*

Thank you very much for your telex of 2 March to the Prime Minister about Afghanistan, who has asked me to reply since Pakistan falls within my area of Ministerial responsibility in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

We fully support UN resolution 42/15 on Afghanistan, passed by a record majority at the UN General Assembly on 10 November 1987. It reaffirms the right of the Afghan people to choose their own form of government without constraint, supports the efforts of the Personal Representative of the UN Secretary-General to find a solution, and calls upon all parties concerned to work for the urgent achievement of a political solution enabling the refugees to return to their homes in safety and honour.

We remain committed to the early, rapid, and total withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. Only then can there be a genuine act of self-determination and the restoration of a non-aligned, neutral, and independent Afghanistan.

THE LORD GLENARTHUR

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*Le Directeur du Cabinet  
du Premier Ministre*

Paris, le 30 MARS 1988

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Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,

Votre message du 2 mars dernier relatif aux négociations en cours sur l'Afghanistan a retenu toute l'attention du Premier Ministre qui a été particulièrement sensible aux sentiments que vous y exprimez à l'égard de son attitude personnelle vis-à-vis de la résistance afghane.

Monsieur Jacques CHIRAC a, en effet, tenu à ce que le Gouvernement français qu'il dirige, accroisse sensiblement son soutien humanitaire, politique et diplomatique à la cause défendue par la résistance avec une détermination et un courage qui ne peuvent que forcer l'admiration de tous.

La France a, dans cet esprit, clairement fait savoir qu'elle considérait que la participation de la résistance à un règlement définitif d'ensemble du conflit était indispensable. Le Premier Ministre forme le vœu que l'ensemble de la communauté internationale, et notamment les pays appartenant au monde islamique, fassent du respect de l'autodétermination du peuple afghan le critère central d'un règlement véritable.

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général, d'agréer l'expression de ma considération distinguée.



Maurice ULRICH

Monsieur SALEM AZZAM  
Secrétaire Général  
du Conseil Islamique  
à Londres